

Findlay Shade Tree Commission (FSTC) Meeting #4 Minutes May 3, 2022

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Meeting was held Tuesday May 3 at 11:30 am, in the Municipal Building Large Conference Room (3rd floor).

Attendance: Mayor Christina Muryn, Brian Bauman, Tom Mills, Jane Ebersole, Haley Belisle, Kellie Bibler, Jeremy Kalb, Dave Honse, AJ Copus, Tim Brugeman. Guest: Ashley Boehler

Special Presentation: Mayor Muryn introduced and welcomed Ashley Boehler of REVIVE Salon & Day Spa, 1101 West Main Cross Findlay, who presented a \$1000 check to the City for tree plantings. Ashley felt strongly that their business beliefs in sustainability as Findlay's first "Green Circle" salon will help beautify our community and improve the environment. The Mayor accepted the check and Brian mentioned funds will be designated for trees along Main Street. The Mayor and Tree Commission took a picture together and thanked Ashley and her business. A recognition plate will be placed at one of the trees with Ashley notified where and when it's put. The Mayor also thanked the Tree Commission for their work and will see everyone for Arbor Day May 6 and at the Tree City USA NW Ohio Awards Event May 11.

Welcome: Brian (Chairman) thanked everyone for attending and passed out the Agenda to start the meeting.

Minutes: April Minutes were not circulated in advance, and March Minutes also need to be furnished to be distributed (Haley will send to Tim), so both will be held for approval at the June Meeting.

Business Items

Financial Report: No April report available at this time.

Arbor Day 2022: Jane outlined the Arbor Day plans, with details all seem complete and ready for Friday 5/6. The Kentucky Coffeetree "Expresso" is here and DPW (Dave & AJ) and Chamberlin Hill School are coordinated for final planting and program. Stephanie Miller (ODNR Urban Forester) and the Mayor will be attending and on the Agenda to speak. Students also have their activities planned. Tree seedlings will be given to students to take home and plant. Hopefully as many Tree Commission members can attend the 2 pm event. Jane will notify The Courier for news coverage and a picture. All thanked Jane for her work developing the event as a first time Tree Commission member. If raining, indoor plans will be last minute hoping to not cancel anything. Brian suggested for future Arbor Days to have seedlings available to send home with students; Haley will assist ordering in advance.

Reports

- **City Council Representative** – Brian: No report.
- **Service Safety Director** – Rob: No report.
- **Public Works Department (PWD)** – Dave / AJ discussed tree plantings along Main Street, mentioning Tree City USA Main Street banners will be up for next week's event.
- **Engineering Department** – Jeremy: No report.

Old Business

Tree City USA Celebration - Tom distributed final May 11 program and agenda. Starting the morning as the first host introduction will be the Mayor with "Welcome" and comments about the City, then introduce Brian as FSTC Chair for giving a brief overview of the Findlay's tree program. With other City staff, 11 will be representing Findlay. Set-up starts Tuesday 5/10 at 1 pm at Old Mill Stream Centre; doors open 9 am Wednesday 5/11 then clean-up afterwards. 200 people are still expected with vendors and other volunteers.

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Old Business continued

- **Ordinance Review** – Brian reported the Tree Ordinance review is being completed with a draft for all to see hopefully by our June meeting.
- **Resolutions Review** – The two 2017 Resolutions discussed in April will be reviewed and presented at the June meeting.
- **FSTC Media Update** – Brian and Kellie will continue to plan potential City website and Facebook postings for the Mayor’s office about promoting Findlay’s tree programs.

New Business

- Randy Greeno has asked for an Adopt-A-Tree replacement for a Tri-Color Beech that died. DPW (Dave & AJ) know the location. Randy has requested a Kwanzan Flowering Cherry. Also he asked for 2 replacements at the Historical Museum on West Sandusky Street for 2 trees now being removed that has provided more space for new trees. They would also like 2 Kwanzan Flowering Cherry. Tom remembers that location was considered once before and space was tight. Randy has asked to meet with Tom, Dave/AJ to look over the location again.
- Since the Tree Commission usually waives summer meetings (July & August), it was felt that Adopt-A-Trees and NeighborWoods plans need to be formalized for tree orders with DPW (Dave & AJ) during that time. Subcommittees should plan accordingly.

Meeting days and times were discussed. The 11:30 am time works for all, but the day would be better if changed to Thursday, which all agreed. **Next meeting will be June 2 at 11:30 am.** Brian asked Tim to send out agenda and attachments in advance.

With no further business, Brian adjourned the meeting at 12:20 pm.

Submitted by
Tim Brugeman